

Rockford Ills  
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My dear Doctor Gray:

I read your letter with a delight almost childish in its intensity! To the poor fellow, who can just stagger to his easy chair before the fire, after five long, weary weeks of sickness, a few words of kindly sympathy come home very differently from what they do to the strong man. We venture upon the affair in hand the thought much of his own health or that of anyone else.

My sickness began with an attack of pleurisy - not very serious in itself but followed by rigor, sequela - Throughout my excessive weakness was out of all keeping with my general symptoms - But I am on the up grade now looking forward to the next five weeks and questioning dubiously, if they

will restore to me the health and  
vigour lost in five weeks past

I had intended to recall  
my first visit to Cambridge  
twenty seven years ago - and of  
which I have so much to me  
of lasting benefit and  
inspiration but my hand begins  
to grow shaky - this another time

Very sincerely your friend

W. S. Webb

P.S. If you have still left (which  
is doubtful) a copy of your notice  
of Greene's recent work will you not  
please send me one -